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Amendments to the Claims

- 1. (Canceled herein)
- 2. (Canceled herein)
- 3. (Canceled herein)
- 4. (Canceled herein)
- 5. (Canceled herein)
- 6. (Canceled herein)
- 7. (Canceled herein)
- 8. (Canceled herein)
- 9. (Canceled herein)
- 10. (Canceled herein)
- 11. (Canceled herein)
- 12. (New) A method of delivering a substance to microtubules, comprising exposing said microtubules to said substance, said substance being in a form selected from the group consisting of a fusion, a covalent coupling and a non-covalent association, of said substance with a protein, wherein said protein is a herpesviral VP22 protein, or is a portion or derivative thereof which has a microtubule binding function of VP22.
- 13. (New) A method of preparing a medicament for delivery of a substance to microtubules which comprises fusing, covalently coupling or non-covalently associating said substance for delivery with a herpesviral VP22 protein, or a portion or derivative thereof which has microtubule binding function of VP22, and then formulating the fused, covalently coupled, or non-covalently associated substance with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, thereby to form said medicament.
- 14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the medicament is a coupling product comprising both herpesviral VP22 and a substance to be delivered to microtubules.

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15. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the substance binds to microtubules.

16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the substance is taxol, or colchicine.